

AN ORDINANCE BY
COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

06- 1032

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II, SECTION 2-101 (b) AND (e) (ENTITLED, "DEBATE.") OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, SO AS TO CLARIFY CURRENT LANGUAGE WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE METHOD FOR REFERRING PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE READING OF SAID PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED TO APPROVE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO SPEAK ON MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE COUNCIL; TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Council held work sessions and meetings to review the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta to suggest and effectuate amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, Chapter Two, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 2-101(b) of the City Code of Ordinances refers to the option to "recommit" proposals for amendments at the conclusion of their reading at full council meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the city council that there be language, in place of the "recommit" language, that refers to the option to refer to committee those proposals for amendment that are not voted on and adopted at the conclusion of its reading at full council meeting; and

WHEREAS, there is a requirement that persons who are not members of council be granted the unanimous consent of council to speak on matters currently pending before the council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the city council that there be a lesser standard for granting persons, who are not members of city council, permission to speak on matters currently pending before the city council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: Chapter Two, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II., Section 2-101 (b), which reads:

(b) At the conclusion of the reading of any proposal for amendment, the proposal as amended shall be put to the council for a final vote, unless any member shall move to recommit the proposal, which shall be voted upon without debate. All motions to recommit shall be by general motions without instruction, unless the agenda adopted by the council shall specifically provide to the contrary.

be hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) At the conclusion of the reading of any proposal for amendment, the proposal as amended shall be put to the council for a final vote, unless any member shall move to refer to committee

the proposal, which shall be voted upon without debate. All motions to refer to committee shall be by general motions without instruction, unless the agenda adopted by the council shall specifically provide to the contrary.

Section 2: Chapter Two, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II., Section 2-101 (e), which reads:

(e) No person not a member of the council shall speak on any matter pending before the council without the unanimous consent of the members present.

be hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) No person not a member of the council shall speak on any matter pending before the council without a 2/3 majority vote of the members.

Section 3: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.